

FIFTH YEAR.

RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 1920.

PRICE, SEVEN CENTS

CHARLES SWEENEY,
POLISH GENERAL,
WAS AT CAMP LEEWealthy Soldier of Fortune
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Officers to Poland—In Mexico
and South America.

NEW YORK, August 28.—War dispatches making more than casual mention of Brigadier-General Charles Sweeney have lent to the Polish struggle more than an impersonal interest to American army officers at Governor's Island, who are well acquainted with Sweeney—an American soldier of fortune with both principles and purse.

Not of fortune at all who fight any old or young army for the sake of excitement and paltry pay is common enough. But Sweeney, S. A., is a notable exception. He is a multimillionaire's son, his father having amassed great wealth in the mouscous d'Aleone mines of Washington and Idaho, and the soldier is more than a millionaire in his own right.

He put in three years at West Point and then sought the life of an active soldier. In Mexico, South America and Europe he has struck blows in desperate causes.

Lieutenant-Colonel in U. S. Army, Sweeney, a former lieutenant-colonel of the United States Army, attached to the general staff, was in Paris during the spring of 1919, recovering from wounds suffered in the Argonne offensive with the American expeditionary force when he learned that Poland was in need of officers for her army.

He consulted with the then Premier Paderewski and offered to recruit volunteers when he returned to America to be mustered into the service. In three weeks he had selected 200 former American army officers, all of whom had been in service in the United States.

Colonel Sweeney sailed for Poland in September of last year with the first of his officers. He was not long in getting into the thick of the fight and in recognition of his splendid services Poland conferred upon him a brigadier-general. Recent dispatches say that he has been killed by his gallantry and leadership.

This Irish-American-Polish general, whom a soft life has held no appeal, began his career on the battle field on leaving West Point, after he had been in the United States for a while.

He went to Mexico and got his baptism of fire, and a wound in the shoulder, before he was sent to Poland. He took a hand in several of the revolutionary wars.

Helped France as Private.

He got into the world war as a private in the Foreign Legion. In the first Champagne battle in September, 1915, Sweeney, who is now a lieutenant-colonel, was conspicuous for his gallantry. He was severely wounded and raised in this battle, and on a hospital cot in Paris he was awarded the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

Two other important decorations were bestowed on him in rapid succession and he had a great reputation for bravery. Soon after being made a captain in the French forces he was sent to the United States upon advice of Ambassador Sharp as an instructor in 1917.

Sweeney was commissioned a major in the United States Army and helped to train the 28th Division at Camp Lee, Va. He went overseas with this division, got badly "shot" in the Argonne, and was promoted to lieutenant-colonel for gallantry before the enemy and assigned to the general staff of the V. E. F.

General Sweeney delivered several addresses in Richmond while he was stationed at Camp Lee. His experiences in the French army during the early period of the world war and his travels, personality and adventurous nature made him a most entertaining speaker. He was a frequent weekend guest of the exclusive clubs in this city.

SERPENT MOUND TELLS
LIFE OF OHIO ANCIENTS

Symbol of Primitive Builders, 1,200 Feet Long, Now Used as Playground.

WEST UNION, OHIO, August 28.—A great serpent, 1,200 feet long, a symbol of earth and stone, a symbol of the religion of ancient peoples, stands a few miles from the most interesting and important earthwork left by the mound builders of Ohio.

Situated in a rather secluded spot, supposedly selected by the mound builders for privacy in performing their ancient rites, the massive reptile, a symbol of the earth, is a head resting upon a rock platform, which presents a prehistoric face to the descending sun and is about 100 feet high. As the mound builders shaped the body they caused it to make four large folds as it tapered back to the tail, which is folded in three complete and close coils.

The land about this curious relic of primitive days is low at the head, but gradually ascends toward the tail. There is ample room on all sides for a gathering of many people, and the belief is expressed that the idol worshippers gathered on all sides of their altar to pour forth praise or beseech forgiveness, or blessings from the beautifully hideous god of the "Serpent Mound."

Purchased by Professor F. W. Putnam, of the Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass. in 1887. Thus in present days this spot of reverence sacred to the people who predated civilization in the nation is used as a playground for picnickers and pleasure seekers. The mound is the last of its kind in the museum attached to Harvard University.

Sultan Must Lead Troops.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 28.—Sultan Mohammed VI must personally lead Turkish troops against the Turkish Nationalists in Anatolia to prevent dissolution of the empire. It has been decided at a special cabinet meeting. The Sultan's army virtually does not exist, but the allies apparently are willing to permit the organization of a Turkish force to cooperate with the Greeks in attacking Mustafa Kemal's armies under conditions guaranteeing them against desertion to the Nationalists such as occurred when Anzavur Pasha attempted to lead the Sultan's troops.

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BY HUNTER L. FLETCHER.

United States Senator From Florida.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—It appears the Republicans are not so jubilant over the prospect of a decisive victory on the issue of "Shall we go in or shall we stay out?"

The ground and the ominous rumblings disturb them much.

From the outposts and pickets evidently comes the warning that the people are not in sympathy with their idea that an honorable man may join with friends in a fight and abandon them when the time comes for setting the matter and arriving at a clear understanding.

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Luxury-Loving British Coal Miner

(London Daily Mail and Times-Dispatch Special Correspondence.)

(Cross-Atlantic Newspaper Service.)

LONDON, August 28.—While Peers and landed proprietors are selling their property—Lord Bute has even decided to sell his Rhodda Valley (Wales) ground rents—the miners are coming so much that they can afford to demand the best of everything. A visit to any of the big mining centers shows the shops filled mainly with high-priced goods.

The miner's taste for tobacco rarely shows above shag. For other things, however, his palate is that of an epicure. Fresh salmon caught from the Wye and Severn, he insists upon, and has

gone above ordinary market prices to secure a supply.

The middle class and professional people to whom we used to sell our best stuff, said a provision merchant, "have to take second quality now. They cannot afford the best, and if they could they would get very little for the coilers do not care what prices they pay to get what they want."

The men make no secret of their wealth. They take handfuls of notes from their pockets just as the ordinary man produces his purse. So well off are they that although the coal-owners are crying out for increased production they refuse to work overtime.

"Why should I?" said a young collier. "Look at this. That is all the money I want for a week. 'This' was a pay sheet showing, after all deductions, he had earned more than \$65 in a week.

league of nations as an issue; their insincere generalizations, without foundation, on the Democratic administration, and then, in some quarters, sudden outburst of commendation of the executive and State Department.

The people are better posted than in any previous campaign on the issues involved, and they will not be deceived. Hence the idea is to feel them out on one question, and when it is found advisable to steer away from, hunt up another and try that.

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